

Executive Council Meeting Minutes June 23, 2025

Present

Ken Barish, Division Chair
Jonathan Eacott, Division Vice Chair
Manuela Martins Green for Jennifer Hughes, Senior Assembly Representative
Brian Siana, Committee on Physical Resources Planning
Gareth Funning, Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Ilya Brookwell, Committee on Information Technology
Jianzhong Wu, Committee on Preparatory Education
Jingsong Zhang, Committee on Academic Personnel
Juliann Allison, Committee on Planning and Budget
Peter Sadler, Committee on Undergraduate Admissions
Rachel Wu, Committee on Research
Salman Asif, Committee on Faculty Welfare
Stephen Kane for Annie Ditta, Committee on Educational Policy
Vijayalakshmi Santhakumar, Graduate Council
Elodie Goodman, BUS Faculty Executive Committee
Harry Tom, CNAS Faculty Executive Committee
Katherine Meltzoff, SOE Faculty Executive Committee
Richard Carpiano, SPP Faculty Executive Committee
Victor Rodgers, BCOE Faculty Executive Committee
Wesley Leonard, CHASS Faculty Executive Committee

Cherysa Cortez, Executive Director

Absent

Jennifer Hughes, Senior Assembly Representative
Annie Ditta, Committee on Educational Policy
Feng Xu, Secretary/Parliamentarian
Sean Cutler, Committee on Committees
Marcus Kaul, SOM Faculty Executive Committee

Guests

Steven Cheung, Chair, Systemwide Academic Senate
Chancellor Kim Wilcox
Associate Chancellor Michael Richards

I. Consent Calendar

Chair Barish welcomed members after which the consent calendar was approved.

II. [Campus Review] Proposal: Round 2 – Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Computer Science Applications (CSA)

Council had a brief discussion regarding the proposal and wanted to review a memo from the college faculty executive committee before further consideration. BCOE FEC chair indicated that their comments are forthcoming. For now, proponents will be made aware of CEP's comments and Council plans to include this topic again on the July agenda.

III. Chair's Announcements

Chair Barish shared local and systemwide updates and information.

Local -

- Chair Barish was busy with commencement ceremonies and all went well.
- Campus Administration responded to Council's letter requesting a freeze on the cybersecurity implementation. Chair Barish and members discussed the response and it will be circulated to faculty.

Systemwide –

- Budget is still a concern. However, UC is facing a flat budget which is better than what was expected. UCOP did well advocating for UC in this regard.
- During Assembly, a resolution regarding Trellix was passed, and this has been shared with faculty at UCR (via Scotmail) and systemwide.
- Council discussed current cybersecurity changes and implementations at length especially concern that faculty questions and needs are not being fully addressed in an appropriate manner for a world-class research university as little consideration was given to how things are done in an educational/university setting.
- UCOP Information Technology Services hosted an online June 10 EDR Webinar and produced an [FAQ document](#).

IV. Executive Council Roundtable

Members provided updates and information from their respective committees.

- Council discussed the proposed changes to APM 230 – Visiting Assistant Professor series section that is currently circulated for review and the importance of the title in certain disciplines, e.g., Mathematics.
- Chair Barish requested that members send him potential topics for the upcoming Senate orientation retreat.
- Members discussed potential updates to committee rosters and information.

V. GUEST – Steven Cheung, 2024-2025 Systemwide Academic Senate Chair (Bio is linked [here](#)).

Academic Senate Chair Cheung visiting UCR's Executive Council as part of the systemwide Senate's Service Strategic Plan for Senate leadership to do outreach to recruit faculty services.

KNB introduced Steve Cheung. He also shared information about what is happening around the UC system.

- UCR Chancellor-Designate S. Jack Hu has been appointed
- UCSB Chancellor is yet to be determined; the UCSB Provost is interim Chancellor until appointment.
- UC will face lesser cuts in the State budget in the face of rising costs.
- Common calendar feedback has been transmitted to the workgroup co-chairs; the topic is on hold for a while based on comments and timing.
- The Assembly's resolution demanding the suspension of Trellix and similar software approved at the June meeting.
- In Fall 2025 there will be proposed changes to faculty discipline policies and procedures. These will undergo expedited Senate review. There most likely will be changes to the APM.
- California legislature's recommended cut to UC budget at zero is better than the 8% projected in January.

VI. GUESTS – Chancellor Kim Wilcox and Associate Chancellor Michael Richards

UCR School of Medicine - The UCR Chancellor is invited annually to Executive Council meetings at the beginning of the service year. Chancellor Wilcox, joined by Associate Chancellor Michael Richards, provided a final state of the campus update to Executive Council before his departure. Plans and Regental approvals are well underway for a 20-acre outpatient School of Medicine clinical facility in east

Riverside. The location will service the UCR and surrounding community and bolster the clinical education of SOM students. UCR Health and UCR SOM are in the process of separating as entities into a model similar to that of UCLA Health and UCLA's medical school. UCR will partner with UCSD to leverage UCSD's expertise in the clinical enterprise area. UCR SOM was founded to train community based primary care physicians and this will further expand this. The plan is to have small clinics and feed a diagnostic center.

Chancellor Wilcox – Though retiring will retain professional affiliations including that as a WASC/WSCUC Commissioner and as a senior fellow with American Council on Education, membership Federal funding situation – very frustrating.

Start: 1:04pm

End: 2:57pm

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